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GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: UNGA: BILATERAL CONSULTATION

REF: STATE 148841

1. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (ANTILLON), AFTER DISCUSSION MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, CALLED EMBOFF TODAY (JULY 16) TO ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE OFFER OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM VISIT TO COSTA RICA AUGUST 13. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AS THE OFFERED CONSULTATION IS BASICALLY A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR COSTA RICA TO HOST OR CO-HOST

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THE MEETING. ANTILLON EMPHASIZED THAT THE SUBJECT

MATTER OF THIS CONFERENCE IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR A DISCUSSION IN A GROUP FORUM. MOREOVER, THE PERSISTENT ANTAGONISM BETWEEN HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR WOULD BE AWKWARD.

2. DURING AN EARLIER DISCUSSION ON THE SAME SUBJECT, ANTILLON SAID FIRMLY THAT SIECA WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE A GOOD CHOICE TO STAFF SUCH A CONFERENCE: (1) BECAUSE OF ITS ECONOMIC ORIENTATION AND (2) BE CAUSE OF ITS IRREGULAR PRESTIGE AMONG THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS.

3. ANTILLON RECOGNIZED THE POSSIBLE AWKWARDNESS OF A CONFERENCE OF HIGH RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES HOSTED IN SAN JOSE BY THE U.S. BUT HE DID NOT THINK THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD DETER OUR PLANS.
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